

July 26, 1951.

Dear Dr. Inoki:

Thank you for your interesting and informative letter of July 18. I welcome your desire to work in this country, but regret that we will not have the facilities at this institution, at least for the coming year. In addition, I have come to the conclusion that we should continue to concentrate on studies in bacterial genetics, rather than branch out to other micro-organisms. However, if you will not have made alternative arrangements for the year 1952-1953, I will be pleased if you should wish to reopen the question, although it is not possible at present to make any commitments. I would imagine that Professor Sonneborn's laboratory would have the most to interest you.

Outside this country, Professors A. Lwoff and B. Ephrussi, both in Paris, France, would certainly be most interested in your work.

I regret not having had an opportunity to make Dr. Hayaishi's acquaintance while he was here, but I frequently heard Dr. Stanier speak most eloquently of his good work.

I should point out, perhaps, that the Enzyme Institute at this University, and the Microbiological Institute at Bethesda are unusually well equipped and staffed laboratories, even ~~in~~ for scientific work, so highly developed, in this country. I should warn you that you are likely to find my own laboratory, and perhaps even that of Professor Sonneborn, relatively less impressive. On the other ~~hand~~ hand, it may be suggested that new apparatus is perhaps less important in the study of microbial genetics than it might be in biochemistry.

I shall look forward to seeing your interesting experiments in print.

Yours sincerely,

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